A

Short TREATISE

OF THE

VIRTUES

OF

Dr. *BATEMAN's*

Pectoral Drops:

The Nature of the Diſtempers They Cure, and the Manner of Their Operation.

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The INTRODUCTION.

AS the Universal Good of Mankind is, or, at least, ought to be, as well the particular End of every private Member of that large Community, as the more general Aim and Ambition of all publick Societies; it consequently follows, That all Actions, Designs, and Inventions, tending mediately, or immediately, to the promoting that great and glorious Design, must, in themselves, be essentially good, and therefore Praise-worthy; and to be encourag'd and supported by all those who, partaking of that Nature, are in a Capacity to receive the Benefit and Advantage of such Undertakings: And if so, as there is no Blessing in the Treasure of Providence of so true and inestimable a Value as HEALTH, which (as a good Ground in a Consort of Musick, modulates and forms the Variety of Sounds, into a most agreeable and delightful Harmony) is the very Basis and Foundation of all other subordinate Pleasures, Delights and Satisfactions, so, on Course, the promoting, preserving, or, if lost, restoring so precious a Jewel, must necessarily be one of the principal and most acceptable Designs in the Latitude of humane Application; and, as such, worthy the Encouragement and Approbation of every one, who is desirous of advancing the Good of his Country, without this Consideration, (which, nevertheless, may be an accidental, additional Motive) That himself may, at one time or other probably stand in need of so great and useful a Benefit.

Now of all the numerous Train of Diseases of all the vast Variety of Distempers, which at any Time affect the human System, there are none more to be dreaded, none harder to be by Art remov'd, and, what is worst of all, none more Epidemical, than the Gout, the Rheumatism, the Stone, the Jaundice, and Asthma's; not to mention the more accidental, tho' frequently fatal Attacts, which Colds, Surfeits, Agues, Fevers, Colics, Pleurisies, Melancholy, Rickets, and a Thousand other Distempers, arising from Crudities, Flatuities, and a Thousand other different Causes, make upon our Constitutions; each of which, if not timely and strongly repell'd, is sufficient to subvert, and at length wholly destroy the Order and Method of the Animal Oeconomy; and thereby procure our certain, hasty, and, probably, unprovided Dissolution from the Life, which it is our great and main Care and Study to preserve and prolong; which Repulse can no how better, nor more effectually be made, than by the speedy Application of such Remedies as are best calculated to resist, break, absorb, and expel the noxious Particles of the morbific Matter, whose Mixture with the Particles of the Blood, and violent Attraction

traction of one another, causing irregular Circulation, unequal and languid Motion, viscid Grumes, unnatural Rarefactions, rapid Collisions, or violent Impetus therein, or other how altering the Quality, disturbing the free Circulation, or disordering the natural Texture and Moment of that Fluid, necessary for the Support and Preservation of Health and Life; do by the Means give Birth to the most fatal and acute Distempers, and dispersing themselves and their dire Effects thro' all the Vessels and Channels of the Body, do in Time, if not speedily and vigorously repell'd, impair, corrupt, and destroy the Solids also, and lay the Foundation of all those grievous and almost incurable Cronic Diseases, whereof some wretched Part, or other of Man-kind is daily and hourly complaining; among whom not a few prolong their Misery, or hasten their End, by a tedious, unprofitable Course of Methodical Experiments; whereby they rather pall and weaken Nature, than relieve and restore her; being resolv'd, as I have often heard them express themselves, To dye by the Hands of the Learned: While others, out of a contrary Prejudice to all Means in general, perish for want of a timely Application of such Remedies, as the Piety, Learning, and Industry of some private Person, inspir'd with the Love of his Country, and Good of Mankind, has, with great Pains and Labour, found out, and produced to the World, as a more near, immediate, and effectual Preserver and Restorer of that Health they seem so desirous to obtain, yet are so backward and unwilling to procure, tho', by that Means, attainable with very little Trouble, and less Charge.

Among which Productions, for the Good of Mankind, and cheap and easy attaining, restoring, and preserving of Health, there never yet has been any Thing made known to the World of that prodigious and almost incredible Virtue and Efficacy, as

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which are justly to be preferr'd to, and distinguish'd from all others, for their wonderful, and almost infallable Effects, not only in Colds, Agues, Fevers, Colics, Melancholy, and Rickets; but also in curing those great and implacable Enemies of our Health and Ease, the Gout, Rheumatism, Jaundice, Stone, Gravel, and Astma's. But before I can enter upon an Explanation of their Use and Manner of operating in all these several Cases, I will, previous thereto, lay before you in short, the Nature, Case, Rise, and Progress of those Distempers; whereby you shall yourselves be able to judge of the Efficacy of these DROPS in relieving them: In doing whereof, I shall not abuse your Patience, as is too commonly done, with improbable Conjectures, incoherent Notions, unnatural Opinions, and fantastical Inventions of the ignorant and unlearn'd Pretenders to Physick; but I shall deliver you the staunch and undoubted Judgments, Decisions and Opinions of the best and most approv'd Physicians and Philosophers, both ancient and modern, such as Hippocrates, Serapion, Averrois, Galen, Sydenham, Radcliffe, Keil, Quincy, and others of undisputed Authority and Reputation in the Arcana of Nature. And first of the GOUT.

CHAP. I. *Of the* GOUT.

THIS is a Diſtemper of that inveterate and malignant Nature, as to be a continual Foil and Reproach to the beſt Phyſicians of all Ages: No Method of Phyſic, Diet or Habit, however regular, reaſonable and orderly; no Preſcriptions, tho' bearing the ſpecious and plauſible Sanction of Academic Graduate, and Collegate Learning, being able to give a Turn to this Diſtemper, or reach its ſecret Receſſes; for, retiring into the Extremities of the fine Capillary Veſſels, where, by reaſon of the unequal Celerity and languid Motion of the Blood in thoſe Parts, its venemous Particles are ſuffer'd to attract one another with great Violence: It bids Defiance to all their Art, and will oftner yield to one lucky Noſtrum, than all the repeated Aſſaults of what they call Regular Practice, which is never more ineffectual and at a Loſs, than in this Caſe; and more eſpecially, if that Noſtrum be prepared as Theſe DROPS are, for ſuch a Species of Simples as are capable of being render'd, by ſuch Preparation, fit to pierce the very inmoſt nervous Cells, increaſe the Impetus of the Vital and Animal Fluids, and follow the Particles of the morbific Matter thro' all the fine Meanders of the Blood, till having diſturb'd their Attraction, and broke them, by repeated Colliſions, one againſt another, into the minuteſt Parts, it forces moſt of them thro' the Pores of the Body by Perſpiration, obtunding, abſorbing, and carrying the reſt away with it in its Courſe, till arriving at the Kidneys, they are ſecreted there from the Blood, and paſs away by Urine. All which Operations, Theſe DROPS to a Miracle perform, by Virtue of their Diaphoretic, Abſorbent, and Detergent Qualities; opening at once all the Emunctories of the Body, and forcing off, through them, the very Root and Baſis of the Diſtemper they are to cure; and that this is the only effectual, rational Method of treating this obſtinate Diſtemper the Gout, I appeal to that great Searcher of Nature, Dr. Sydenham, who ſays, Whatſoever is aſſiſtant in diſcharging the foul, vicious Humours, out of the Body, can never fail of anſwering the Intention of Cure for which it is deſign'd, whether in the Gout, Rheumatiſm, or any other Cronic Diſtemper. And his Authority, I ſhould think, ought not reaſonably to be diſputed in the Cure of this Diſtemper, whom, not only a vaſt Stock of acquir'd Learning, together with a prodigious natural Capacity, improv'd by long and great Practice, and Experience upon Others; but alſo a continued and unconquerable Gouty Habit in his own Body, confirm'd in this Opinion, That there was no other Method of treating this terrible Diſtemper; which is alſo confirm'd by what thoſe two admiral Phyſicians, Dr. Keile, and Dr. Quincey, have told us concerning the Cauſe of it; which, ſay they, is created by the mucilaginous

ginous Glands in the Joints becoming gritty and ſtiff, by Means of a ſharp acid Humour flowing thereon, which, coagulating the oily Liquor ſecreted by them for lubricating the Ends of the Bones at their ſeveral Articulations, to render them apt and ready for Motion, makes it, inſtead of promoting and aſſiſting that Motion, impeed, and prevent it, by clogging the Interſtices ſo that they cannot move at all, at leaſt, not without very great Pain, hard'ning, by Degrees, into white, chalky, gritty Stones, which are forced to be cut, or otherwiſe taken out by Art, from the Joints of the Hands and Feet of the miſerable Patient, as daily Experience manifeſts.

Now you are to obſerve, That the Particles which compoſe this ſharp acid Humour, are ſurrounded with little pointed Needles, which wound and irritate the Veſſels thro' which they move, and the very Globules of the Blood itſelf, beating and coagulating thereby any Fluid with which they mix; but theſe being either obtunded and blunted, and the Points of them, as it were, ſheath'd and wrap'd up in ſome of the Particles of this Medicine, or elſe drove violently againſt one another with a Force ſufficiently to break off thoſe little pointed Spears, and render them capable of flying off by Perſpiration by others; or elſe ſo diſturb'd and ſeparated by this new Auxillary Force, that they cannot attract one another, but unwillingly diſperſe themſelves in the Blood, and are many of them ſecretted and carried off by Urine; This, I ſay, muſt neceſſarily anſwer the Intention of Cure; for by this Means they are render'd incapable of irritating, loading, or coagulating any of the Fluids; and then, on Courſe, the Diſtemper before caus'd by them, muſt by Degrees abate, and at length abſolutely ceaſe. To which Ends and Purpoſes, Theſe DROPS are ſo excellently adapted and prepar'd, and are in their Nature ſo very Abſorbent, Detergent and Diaphoretic, that it is morally impoſſible they ſhould fail of working a Cure, which can only be perform'd by the joint Operation of thoſe three Qualities, which are ſcarce to be met with, in any conſiderable Degree, in any one Medicine in the World, but THIS alone.

But, perhaps, ſome who underſtand no more of this Diſtemper than the Pain and Torture it gives them, will ſay, That, probably in the former Stage of this Diſtemper, theſe Drops may be effectual; but, ſay they, mine is in my Stomach, Bowels, &c. and they will not be able to reach it there. But how weak and trivial an Objection this is, will appear from a Reflection upon this Phaſe of the Gout, which is only caus'd by a Weakneſs and debility of Nature, thro' frequent Debauches, hard Drinking, long Courſes of uſeleſs Phyſic, &c. whereby the Impetus of the Blood becomes ſo weak and languid, and its Motion ſo ſlow and irregular, as to permit the morbific Particles to attract one another in the Blood-Veſſels of thoſe Parts, which can only be remedied by ſuch Things as warm and increaſe the Blood's inteſtine Motion, ſo breaking and diſturbing the Attraction of the venemous Particles, and ſending them back again to the extream Parts, where they are to be treated as before: For which Purpoſe, nothing in Nature can be better fitted than Theſe

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Drops, which have ſuch a fine invigorating Alexiterial Property in them, as to render them one of the beſt Cardiacs in the whole Materia Medica.

THE Doſe, in the former Phaſe of the Diſtemper, is a large Spoonful, in any warm Vehicle, as Mountain Wine, ſtrong Ale, &c. made as hot as you can drink it, repeated three Nights ſucceſſively, going to Bed, and, by the Bleſſing of GOD, you need not fear Eaſe.

But in the latter Phaſe, where the morbific Matter is not only to be repelled, but the faint and languid State of Nature enliven'd, and invigorated, it is neceſſary that you increaſe your Doſe as the Cauſe may require, in any warm Vehicle, as before; compoſing your ſelf after it, and encouraging the Sweat by all proper Methods.

After this, in order effectually to rout this moſt terrible Enemy; it is neceſſary you continue to take a ſmall Doſe of about 100, or 150 Drops, every Three Nights alternately; taking three Nights, and miſſing three Nights; till ſuch time as you find the Strength of the Diſtemper to abate, which it will ſenſibly do in a ſmall time, and at length quite go off.

Inſtances of the Cure of this Diſtemper, by Theſe DROPS, might be given in great Numbers, from Perſons of undoubted Credit, and Reputation, on enquiry, would ſatisfy the Curious of their wonderful Effect in that Intention; but not being willing to tire the Reader; and theſe Drops by their continual Succeſs, ſo ſtrongly recomending themſelves; I ſhall out of a very great multitude only trouble you with a few, as you will find at the end of this Treatiſe.

CHAP. II. *Of the* Rheumatiſm.

HAving in the foregoing Chapter, been ſo very particular in deſcribing the Origin, Nature, Riſe, Progreſs and Cure of the Gout; there will be the leſs need of enlarging in this upon a Diſtemper, ſo near a kin to it as the Rheumatiſm; even ſo near, as, in many Conſtitutions, to be owing to the ſame Cauſe, with this only Difference in the Effect, that as the former preys chiefly upon the Joints, and extream parts of the Body; This, for the moſt part affects the Membrana communis Muſculorum, or rather, to ſpeak more properly, the Membrana adepoſa; at leaſt that part of it which lyes between the Muſcles, and the Cutis, and is the Baſis of the Cellulæ adepoſæ; being full of ſmall, fine Glands for the ſecretion of that Oily, Sulphureous Matter, of which the Adeps or Fat is compoſed, which Sulphureous Oil being coagulated, by the ſame means, ſays a learned Author, and from the ſame Cauſes, as the Juices of the Mucilaginous glands in the Joints, are in the Gout; that is to ſay, from the Attraction of ſharp, acid Particles, ſecreted from a viſcous Blood; this Membrane, in which thoſe Glandulæ adepoſæ are ſcituated, becomes ſtuff, harſh and rigid, and unapt for Motion, the Oil which thoſe Glands continually diſcharge for lubricating the Muſcles, being all turn'd by Coagulation into a fizey thick Jelly: So that every time the Muſcle or Muſcles, round which that part of this Membrane is wrap'd, contract, in order to perform Muſcular Motion; they

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are, instead of being assisted therein by that lubricating Oil, impeeded and confin'd by the stiffness of the Coagulum, and the Rigidity and Harshness of the surounding Membrance, 'till, by force of the nervous fluid flowing into the Fibres, and extending them in the Contraction, they force it to give way; which is not without great Pain, and consequent Weakness and Soreness of that Part: Not to mention the Pains caused by the unnatural Distentions of the Vessels, from the Quantity of Viscid Serum obstructing them and hindring the free Circulation of the Blood; especially in the fine Capillary Channells, without a considerable Dilatation; from whence, not seldom proceed Asthma's, Pleurisyes, Peripneumonys, Inflamations, Fevers and Death.

This is only to be remedy'd by Diluents and Evacuating Medicines, as in the Gout; but not by any common Evacuators; many or most of which weaken Nature too much in their Operations, and being us'd without proper Diluents, will evap'rate all the real natural Serum, and leave nothing but a sort of Serous Jelly in the Blood; which thereupon will either immediately Stagnate, or Effervesce in such a manner, as to cause a violent putrid Fever, and, without almost a Miracle, the certain Death of the Patient: It is true, they may ease the violent Pains of this Distemper, but if at the same time they increase the Inflamation, and Effervescence of the Blood, the Fever proportionably increases, and the poor deluded Patient dies; as too many do by common Practice: Whereas these DROPS dilute and expel what is redundant; whereby the Blood is restored to its natural Crasis, it's due Velocity, and Impetus recover'd, the Pains cease, the Fever abates, perfect Health ensues. Besides which by their Alexiterial, Cardiac Qualities, at the same time that they thus encrease the Impetus and Moment of the Fluids, to the Discharge of the Morbific Matter in Perspiration; they also warm and comfort the whole nervous Sistem, assist mightily in repairing the Waste of the animal Spirits, occasion'd thereby; which is evident in what has been already said of them concerning the Gout in the Stomach, and Bowels, proceeding from a real Weakness and Decay of Nature.

In short, no Preparation was ever yet found out so suitable to the very Nature of this Distemper as these DROPS; which will plainly appear from the vast number of Certificates of Cures wrought by them every Week, out of which I have thought fit to trouble you with but a few.

THE Dose and manner of ordering your self, is the same as before directed in the Gout; to be varied according to the Distemper, and strength of the Patient's Constitution, from 80, to 150 or 200 Drops, in any convenient Vehicle; which need not be so strong and spiritous as in that Distemper; but must be drank as warm as possible going to Bed, and Covering your self up warm, as before.

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CHAP. III. *Of the* JAUNDICE.

TO give you an exact Theory of this Diſtemper, would tak up more room than this ſhort Treatiſe will admit of: I ſha therefore, as I have done by the other Diſtempers, in th foregoing Chapters, open it ſo far to you, as to convince you, tha theſe DROPS are the beſt Specifick (if I may be indulg'd tha Term) in the whole Materia Medica, to break thro' it's Schirrous Ob ſtructions, and finally eradicate it and all its dreadful Symptoms ou of the humane Body.

This Diſtemper ariſes from obſtructions in the Glands of the Liver thereby preventing a due Secretion of the Gall from the Blood, by them, in that Viſcus, which Bilious Particles circulating therewith gives a Yellow Tincture to the Mucus or Corpus Reticulare ſprea under the Cuticula, which from thence appears of that Colour: Thi is the firſt and common Phaſe of this Diſtemper; but it will ſometime and more eſpecially in hard Drinkers, arrive to that height, as t Cauſe a frequent Spitting and Vomiting of Blood, which is general ly reckon'd a Mortal Symptom; for it is cauſed by the Obſtructions i the Hepatic Glands becoming ſchirrous, and ſo indurated, as with great Difficulty (if at all) to be opened again; which ſtraitens the Motion of the Blood through that Viſcus ſo much, as to cauſe it t revulſe with a great Motion into the Gaſtrick Arteries, which go off from the Hepatic, inſomuch, that breaking through them, it drains into the Stomach, and by that means the Courſe of that fluid is alter'd the Secretion of the Bile at an End, and the whole Syſtem deſtroy'd So that this latter Stage of the Diſtemper is ſeldom or never to b cured; but may eaſily be prevented by taking the former Phaſe i time; powerfully deterging thoſe tartarous obdurating Particles ou of the Blood; which can only be by ſtrong Detergents and Diapho reticks, (which I have already prov'd to you theſe DROPS are and therefore cannot fail of Curing, if taken in time, and follow ed up, till by a Continuation they become perfect Alteratives:) An if any thing will cure the latter Phaſe of this Diſtemper, theſe DROP will, having done Wonders in it, even when the Patients have bee given over by their Phyſicians, and the Diſtemper baffled their utmo Skill.

THE Doſe, and manner of ordering your ſelf with them, is a before directed, in the Gout.

CHAP. IV. *Of the* Stone *and* Gravel

THESE are one and the ſame Diſtemper, in two ſeveral De grees; the Stone being only concreted Gravel, and the Gra vel the Matter whereof the Stone is form'd; and in ſome wha is waſh'd off it by powerful Nepritics and Lytholutics; both of them being in their Degree an aggregate of the tartarous Particles of th Urine, pent up by the Straitneſs of the Urinary Ducts; which is on ly to be cur'd by diſſolving the Stone, widening and deterging th

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Paſſages; and ridding the Blood of thoſe tartarous Particles by Diaphoretics, before the Secretion of Urine is perform'd: All which ſeveral Operations theſe DROPS perform to a Wonder, and have, by their Detergent Diuretick Quality, brought away, from ſeveral Perſons, STONES of the Size of a ſmall Nut Kernel, when every other Remedy has fail'd to give them Eaſe; and, by being continued afterwards, have cleans'd the Blood of its tartarous Particles, ſo as to prevent another Fit for many Years.

THE Doſe is as in the Gout, in a Cup of White-wine Poſſet-Drink, Old Hock, Green Tea, or any other potent Diuretic; made very warm, and ſweetned with an Ounce of Syrup of Maſh-Mallows, going to Bed immediately on taking them, and they give Eaſe inſtantly.

CHAP. V. *Of* ASTHMAS.

THE prodigious Variety of Cauſes from whence this Diſtemper proceeds, in different Conſtitutions, gives it ſo many various Species and Degrees, as to render it one of the moſt difficult Diſorders to be skilfully manag'd of any affecting the human Syſtem. But the chief ſorts are, the Humid, the Dry, and the Nervous Aſthma; of each of which I will ſeparately give a few Hints concerning their Cauſes and Syſtems, and then proceeding to the Deſcription of the Effects of theſe Drops in all thoſe Intentions.

But firſt, it is neceſſary to premiſe what an Aſthma is in general; That it is a frequent, difficult, and ſhort Reſpiration, or Breathing, join'd with a hiſſing Sound, and a Cough; eſpecially in the Night, in cold Weather, and in a prone Poſture, or lying down: The former becauſe the Preſſure of the Atmoſphere is greater in the Night than in the Day, when the noxious Vapours are exhal'd and diſpel'd by the Force of the Sun Beams. In the Night, by reaſon of the Pores of the Body being contracted by the circumambient Cold, our Tranſpiration is leſſen'd, and conſequently a Gravedo or Weight of perſpirable Matter enſues; which being flung upon the Lungs, clogs them, and renders them leſs apt to perform their Office; and in the laſt Caſe, from the Preſſure which the Contents of the Abdomen, when the Body is in that Poſture, make upon the Diaphragm, thereby leſſening the Capacity of the Thorax or Breaſt, ſo that the Lungs are too much confin'd, and cannot dilate themſelves ſufficient to receive a due Quantity of Air.

This being premis'd, it will be eaſily underſtood, how theſe ſeveral Kinds of Aſthmas are produc'd: The firſt or Humid, call'd alſo the Pleuretic Aſthma, ariſes from the Redundance of Rheumatic Serum, and viſcous Humours in the Blood, which being too thick to paſs through the ſmall Fibres of the Lungs ſtick cloſe to the Sides of thoſe Veſſels, and obſtruct the Blood in its Circulation; the Parts ſwell and often ulcerate, with great Pain, feveriſh Habbits, and difficulty of breathing: Or elſe the pituitous Particles are ſpewed out into the Bronchiæ, eſpecially if not impregnated with a due Pro-

portion of Salts, causing a continual irritating Cough: In both which Cases all inciding Pectorals are good, all Diaphoretics, and whatever attenuates and lessens the Quantity of Serum; by that means depleting the extended Vessels, and working a Revulsion of the stagnating Humours: Which nothing can better effect than these DROPS, which evacuate both by Perspiration and Urine, and are certainly, at the same time, one of the very best Cardiacs in the whole World.

The next Species of this Distemper, is the dry or plethoric Asthma, caus'd either by too great a Repletion of a cachochymious Blood call'd a Plethora, or else by too great a Rarefaction of that Fluid in its Vessels; so that the fine Canalls of the Lungs are too far distended; and consequently there is not room enough for the Air to inflate the Vessels, which produces an Inability of Respiration, for want of a due Degree of Expansion in that Viscus: Such Persons are generally crying out for Air; they always seem as if girted hard upon their Chest, and are almost become Victims to a long Scorbutick Cachetic Habit; of which this is the last, and oftentimes, for want of proper Remrdies apply'd in time, fatal Symptoms; for in this Case there is no time to use Alteratives, which work but slowly in the Mass of Blood; whereas, here we want an immediate Assistance; which can only be obtain'd by a Conjunction of Cardiacs and Diaphoretics, both which Qualities are eminently distinguishable in these DROPS; which can therefore never fail the Intention of Cure in this Distemper.

The Third and last Sort of Asthma I mention'd, was the Nervous; which is occasion'd by a Deficiency of the Pectoral Muscles, for want of a sufficient Quantity of Spirits to nourish and contract them; and is the dire Effect of a nervous Atrophy; and to be remedy'd by high, and vigorous Cardiacs; to rouse and invigorate decaying Nature, and, as it were, re-enkindle the almost extinguish'd Lamp of Life; which nothing can perform more effectually than these DROPS, which have a prodigious Influence in reviving the drooping Spirits, warming and comforting the Nerves, encreasing the Moment of the Blood, and doing every other Office requisite to call back the almost fleeting Life, by their admirable Cardiac Quality; insomuch that many have been restor'd to a Miracle, from even Death's Door by them alone, both in this and other Cases.

THE Dose in all these three Cases, is as before in the Gout, in any convenient Vehicle, but good Mountain Wine is best, if it can be procur'd, made very warm, as before; and taking Care you do not get Cold after it.

CHAP. VI. *Of Colds, Agues, Fevers, &c.*

I Put these Distempers all in one Class, because they have a mutual Relation the one to the other, as the Cause has to the Effect, & Econtra, and as different Effects produced from the same Cause have to one another; for it may generally be allow'd, that

that what we call Colds are the Basis, or Groundwork of most of those Epedemic Fevers, which so commonly rage in this Kingdom: for perspiration being diminish'd thro' a Contraction of the pores, caus'd by the perception of external Cold, the perspirable Matter flies off in a less Quantity than when the pores are more relax'd; and that part thereof which cannot get out, returns back into the Blood, which it heats and irritates more or less, according to the Quantity of Matter retain'd, forcing it to distend it's Vessels, and producing thence frequently a Solutio continui, whence follows the Idea of pain in that part, with a Gravedo or Heaviness of the whole Frame, but especially of the diseas'd part; or else, a Coryza or Defluxion of serous, sharp Humours from the Glands of the Head, thro' the Eyes, Nose, Mouth, &c. from whence, if speedy Care is not taken, are engender'd Asthma's, Consumptions, Fevers, &c. and a whole Train of Evils which may be easily and certainly prevented, by a timely Use of some proper Evacuator, which shall by its Diaphoretic Quality, discharge the Blood of its Load of foreign deleterious Matter; and force off the offending Particles thro' the Pores; which we call Sweating: To which Purpose, there is no one Thing in Nature more effectual than these Drops, which are a most powerful Diaphoretic, and never fail of Success in the most stubborn Cold whatever. It is an old and indeed most excellent Maxim.

" venienti occurrite morbo.

Prevent a threatning Disease, for as the English Proverb has it,

A Stitch in Time saves nine.

And so 'tis here, a single Dose seldom or never fails curing a Cold, whereas if you let that Cold grow into a Fever, it may be the Work of several to compleat the Cure; and glad you may be to come off so; for nothing corrupts the Blood more than a Cold, by irritating, and inflaming it to the highest Degree; whence proceed Putrefactions, which if not evacuated by proper Remedies, increase the Fervour, and often generate acute, putrid, and malignant Fevers, whose dire Effects daily Examples sufficiently demonstrate to every one's Experience. These deleterious and malignant Particles are therefore to be evacuated, both by augmenting the before diminish'd Perspiration, and the urinary Secretion; for by that means, a great Quantity of them pass off with the discharg'd Sarum, and on Course lessen the Fermentation in the Blood: But unless at the same Time, you use proper Cardiacs to refresh Nature, she will sink under this vast Burthen, for the Hurry and Heat the Blood is in, necessarily consumes a vast Quantity of the animal Spirits, which decaying faster than Nature can possibly return them, she must certainly fall beneath the prodigious Wast; unless reliev'd by some auxiliary Force. Now as I have often mention'd before these Drops are both Diaphoretic, Diuretic, and Cardiac; containing in themselves all those three great Qualities, absolutely necessary in a compleat Febrifuge, and themselves by the Blessing of God effect a perfect Cure without the Help of any other Medicine.

As for Agues they are only the Intermiſſions of Fevers, the cold Fit being only an accidental, and not an eſſential Property thereunto; ſo that as they are properly a Species of a Fever, they are to be treated after the ſame Manner, and the Method and Intention of Cure, is the very ſame; and if ſo then conſequently the ſame Remedy that prevails againſt one, cannot fail in the other.

And here, I cannot omit mentioning one peculiar Property in theſe Drops, ſufficient of its ſelf to recommend them effectually to all the reaſonable Part of Mankind; who are not wedded to methodical Error; and that is, their moſt powerful Energy in clearing the Blood from the Dregs of that faſhionable (but in many Caſes pernicious) Drug the Bark of Peru; commonly call'd, The Jeſuites Bark. This is the publick Aſylum of Mankind, the Panacea of the World, the ſovereign and univerſal Orvietem againſt all the Diſeaſes of Pandora's Box, and what not, in the Opinion of thoſe valetudinarian Wretches, who dare not eat a Meal's Meat, open a Chamber Window, or ſo much as go to Stool, without the Leave of their Phyſician; whoſe conſtant Preſcription is ſtill the Bark, in ſome Form or other: If Madam has got a Fit of the Vapours, the Bark will chear her Spirits; If ſhe has taken too plentiful a Doſe of Ratifea, the Bark will make her as ſober as a Nun; If ſhe is Loveſick, the Bark is to moderate her Deſires; and if ſhe's in the raging Fever of Jealouſy, the Bark is to make her believe that her Husband is as conſtant as a Turtle: In ſhort, whenever the Privy-Counceller of Health is at a Loſs what to do for his Guinea, he perſuades his Patient ſhe has an Intermitting Fever, and Bark is the Word to ſave the Expence of further thinking. Now by this you may judge, whether this gigantic Protean Drug, which is whimſically apply'd to ſo many chimærical Evils, is of any valuable Uſe, any ſubſtantial Benefit to Mankind in real Diſorders, and Maladies, ariſing from a vitiated State of the Fluids. We ſeldom play with ſerious Matters, nor make Children Rattles of Diamonds. One learned Practitioner ſays, the Bark is a violent Styptic, and Aſtringent; another, it is ſolutive, and will of it's ſelf, without proper Alteratives, paſs immediately downwards; One ſays it conſiſts of a fix't Salt. another of a volatile, and a third that it is a Compoſite of both: One that it gives a Spur to the inteſtine Motion of the Blood; another that it locks up every Thing in the Blood, Some and thoſe of Note too aſſert, that it given in large Quantities, it will by 'tis attenuating Property create an Anaſarca, or Dropſy; others that it is itſelf ſufficient if taken in Time to cure a Dropſy: One forbids the Uſe of it in Rheumatick Fevers, for fear it's attenuating Virtue rarefy the Maſs of Blood, and thereby enlarge the Dimenſions of it's Veſſels, ſo far, as to occaſion an Aneuriſma or Rupture, or at leaſt greatly encreaſe the Idea of pain, of which Opinion, are no leſs Men then the famous Morton and Sydenham; whereas another later practitioner, no ways inferiour to either, by all means indicates the Bark in this Caſe, grounding his Notion upon Reaſon, and to uſe his own Words, contemning and changing the common and trite but deceitful Method of Practice by Obſervation.

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Now if this be the Caſe, that theſe great and learned Men cannot agree among themſelves, neither as to the Nature, nor Effect of this magical Drug; is it not greatly to be fear'd, and that with very good Reaſon, that if one is miſtaken, they may all of them be ſo; the Conſequence whereof will be, that this famous panacea, like the Jay in the Fable, ſtrip't of all it's borrow'd pomp, will appear to be of no other Uſe, but to fill up the Variety of Nature's Works, receiving a value only from Opinion, grounded on the Weakneſs of one part of the World, and the Wileyneſs of the other.

But if there be any Virtue in this Drug, the Taſt itſelf ſeems to point it out to be Styptic, and Aſtringent, which is alſo generally allow'd by all who have any Skill in it; while for Faſhion ſake they admit of other Qualities, as it were by preſcriptive Right; and for Intereſt invent new ones to authorize it's Adminiſtration in ſome preſent Neceſſity: Now, if once it is allow'd, the Bark is Styptick and Aſtringent, it points out directly to the Manner of it's Operation and Effect; in ſeemingly giving a Turn to ſome certain periodical Exacerbations; for which it is more generally adminiſter'd, as intermitting Fevers, Hemicranea's, Hæmoptoes, Epilepſies, and Hyſterics; which ſays a great and learned Author, are to be reliev'd by the Cortex only; but what Way is this Relief to be had? why, ſays the ſame Author, the Cortex locks up the febrile Ferment in the Blood; and, ſays he, in another Place, If Cathartticks be given ſoon after it they make the Type of the Fever return in it's old Shape, for when the Bark is carried off, what locks up the Diſtemper? From whence I conclude, that this mighty Medicine, like a cunning Mountebank, deludes us with plauſible Appearances, and inſtead of really working a Cure, only poſtpones the Exacerbation, it may be for a Week, or a Fortnight, by locking the Cauſe up in the Veins; which upon any accidental Cold, little Irregularity, or imprudent Management, breaks out again with double Violence; the Conſequence whereof is not ſeldom attended with the Death of the Patient, as common Experience daily confirms; unleſs with Morton you continue doſing your Patient with it every ten Days, till the next Syzygy; or elſe with another great Phyſician give him as much after the Diſtemper is taken off as was ſufficient to take it off in order to prevent a Return, ſuppoſing that

'que facta liberant, ſi ante fiant, prohibent.

And pray what muſt the Conſequence of this be; why, the Maſs of Blood is impregnated with ſo prodigious a Quantity of Styptic Particles, that the Price you pay for your imaginary Cure is a valetudinary State as long as you live; becoming entail'd upon your Phyſician, as much as his Patrimony, ſince few that have been weak enough to be perſuaded into this Habit, have the Reſolution to get rid of the Poyſon afterwards, unleſs by the ſame Hand that gave it them: whereas would they be wiſe at laſt, and get rid of their troubleſome, dangerous Inmate as ſoon as they can, by detergeing and cleanſing their Blood; they might in time, by the Bleſſing of Providence, reſtore that Fluid to it's natural Craſis, and by Degrees, overcome the malevolent Effects of their faſhionable phyſic; for which purpoſe, as well as the other Intentions

tentions in this Treatise, these DROPS have been greatly commended by several who have happily experienc'd their Effects; and those among the learned World, of both our Universities, and by them recommended in this very Intention to the World, for the general good of Mankind.

CHAP. VII. *Of the other* VIRTUES *of these* DROPS.

HItherto I have laid before you the particular Effects of these DROPS, in particular Cases; and that not by a dogmatical Assertion of their Virtues, or any canting Declaration of their specific Influence, and occult Qualities, Terms only serving to cover Ignorance and Imposition: But I have carry'd you thro' all the Meanders of Nature, in her several Turns and Windings, in her several various Phases, and Symptomical Appearances upon every Case affecting the humane System; which this noble and efficacious Medicine is capable of searching: And from thence drawn such easy and rational Conclusions upon their Operations, as to make it visible to every Capacity that has but the least Notion of the Connexion between Causes and their Effects, &c. that they cannot fail in the several Intentions wherein they are advis'd; a Task which not any Self-Interest, nor any sinister View of serving my own Turn, has in the least indu'd me to; but purely the universal Good of Mankind, and Charity to my Fellow Creatures; as is plainly evident from the establish'd Reputation these Drops have already gain'd in the World, the surprizing Cures they have wrought, and the vast Quantities of them sold throughout the whole Kingdom: So that, there was no Occasion upon any of these Accounts to have been either at the Trouble or Charge of this Treatise, but purely to convince Gainsayers of their admirable Nature and Efficacy in the Intentions aforemention'd, to inform the ignorant of the Nature of their several Cases, and where they may meet with a speedy, certain, and safe Cure for their respective Maladies. And lastly, to assure the whole World that these Drops are no Quack Preparation of Drugs injudiciously mixt and jumbled together, without either Art or Design, but such as are grounded on both, and carefully suited to answer the several Intentions to which they are design'd; which any one capable of forming a right Judgment of Things, may on the reading this short Treatise, be sufficiently convinc'd of: Wherefore I shall enlarge no further on this Subject, only to assure you, that besides the several foregoing Intentions, these Drops are also wonderful in their stopping Diarrhea's and Fluxes of all Kinds; Vomitings, Hæmoptoes, and other dangerous unnatural Discharges which weaken and destroy the entire humane System; They give immediate Ease in Colics of what Kind soever, whether Stone, Wind, Bilious or Hysterick; raise the languishing Frame of Nature in Consumptions, and Marasmi, if taken before the Lungs are entirely corrupted, raise and chear the Spirits in melancholly Despondency, Hypocondriac and Hy-

Hyſteric Vapours; give a new Life in all Paralytic Evils; reſtoring Senſe and Motion to the almoſt periſh'd Limb; They bring out the Small Pox, Meaſles and Raſhes, to a Wonder; cure the Rickets in Children, eaſe After-Pains, prevents Miſcarriages to a Miracle, and are in ſhort the greateſt Reſtorer and Strengthner of Nature in the whole World.

Note, No Perſon ever yet afflicted wth the moſt violent Cough and Cold, took this Medicine, but what hath been cured by taking one Bottle only.

A Printed Bill of Directions is given with each Bottle.

Here follows ſome few, out of the many Thouſands of Certificates of Cures effected by theſe DROPS; *which Certificates are not extorted by any ſiniſter* Means; *but they are the* true, genuine *and* ſpontaneous *Declarations which the Perſons receiving Benefit from theſe Drops have* voluntarily *made to let the World know their great Efficacy and Virtue; many of which Perſons who have been violently and grievouſly afflicted with intollerable Pains,* &c. *have beg'd for God's ſake, that it might be publiſh'd for the Good of* Mankind, *That theſe Drops* alone *reſtored them to their Health and Strength.*

I Gregory Cripwell, of Bunny, near Nottingham, was for a long time grievouſly troubled with the Rheumatiſm, and had not the leaſt Uſe of one Limb or Joint about me, inſomuch that I have often deſir'd to dye to be out of my Miſery: All the Medicines that I took was to no Purpoſe: At length, by the Advice of Sir Thomas Parkyns, of Bunny aboveſaid, Bart. I took a Doſe of Dr. Bateman's Drops, and immediately found Eaſe, and ſlept the greateſt part of the Night, tho' I had not ſlept for above a Week before, and am now, bleſſed be God, as well as ever I was in my Life.

Witneſs my Hand, June 4. 1725. George Cripwell.

We whoſe Names are under-written, are Witneſſes to the Truth of the aboveſaid Certificate.

Sir Thomas Parkyns, Bart. Nathaniel Henſon, Thomas Henſon, Thomas Lineker, John Lineker, Thomas Hornbuckle, Henry Shepheard, Joſeph Street, John Shepheard, John Brown, * George Smith, Henry Cooper, Humphrey Wainwright.

* This Man was cur'd of the Ague by taking one Doſe only.

I Mary Treſlove, Boldice-maker in Northampton, was for many Years afflicted with intolerable Pains in the Back, not inferior to thoſe I had felt in Travail. I could find no Relief, 'till I made uſe of Dr. Bateman's Pectoral Drops, Two Doſes of which entirely freed me from all my pain and Miſery. Mary Treſlove,

I Richard Row of Moulton-Marall Lodge, in the County of Warwick, was for many Months troubled with a Third Day Ague and Fever, and could find no Relief, 'till I made uſe of Dr. Bateman's Drops, which reſtor'd me to my former Strength.

Richard Row.

I Mary Wright of Stapleton in Leiceſterſhire, was for many Years troubled with the Rheumatiſm, inſomuch that I had entirely loſt the Uſe of one Arm. Tongue could not expreſs my pain, phyſicians could do me no good; but bleſſed be God, Bateman's Drops eas'd me of all my pains. Witneſs my Hand, Mary Wright.

I William Kempion, Farrier, of Dainton in Northamptonſhire, had loſt the Uſe of my Arms with the Rheumatiſm, and could find no Relief 'till I took Dr. Bateman's Drops, which perfectly reſtor'd me to the Uſe of my Limbs.

Witneſs, William Kempion.

I Edward Thirſt of Ruſhden in Northamptonſhire, was brought ſo low with an Ague, that I could not walk croſs the Room; and no Medicine did me any good, 'till I took Dr. Bateman's Drops, which reſtor'd me to my former Strength. Edward Thirſt.

I Robert Abbott, Servant to Mr. Martin of Cotesbrook in Northamptonſhire, having loſt the Uſe of my Limbs by a Numbneſs or dead Palſey, was reſtor'd to my former Strength by Dr. Bateman's Drops. Robert Abbott.

I William Emlee of Shaftsbury, having been for above ten Years paſt ſo violently afflicted with the Gout, that my Life was burthenſome to me, was reſtor'd to perfect Health and Strength by Dr. Bateman's Drops, and can ride or walk as well as ever. William Emlee

I Robert Hinton of Shaftsbury hath been for near twenty Years paſt grievouſly afflicted with the Gout and Rheumatiſm, and for the laſt five Years was forc'd to uſe Crutches, and liv'd in continual Pain and Miſery, in ſpight of all the Phyſicians or Remedies that could be procur'd for Money; was by Dr. Bateman's Drops reſtored to the Uſe of my Limbs, and I thank God I have now thrown away my Crutches. Robert Hinton.

The following Letter came from Mr Johnſon of Chelſea.

HAving for a long time been violently troubled with the Gout and Rheumatiſm, I was adviſed to make uſe of Dr. Batemans Drops, which I did, and, to my great Surprize, and the Wonder of my Friends, in two Hours I found ſo much Eaſe, that I thought my ſelf in Paradice; and (bleſſed be God)